

March 6, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lenten journey has begun -- a time for spiritual growth and development through prayer, sacrifice, and works of charity. I encourage you to be aware of the many opportunities available listed in the bulletin. Also, take a Rice Bowl home with you for use in your homes. The children in our PREP program and St. Luke School have also been invited to participate in the Rice Bowl Program. Proceeds from this Rice Bowl Program go to Catholic Relief Services to help aid the hungry poor throughout the world (csrcricebowl.org).

I would like to inform you that we recently sent a check for \$7,000 from a larger donation and your many continuing smaller donations to our sister parish in Haiti. Father Guy Casseus in his note wrote:

"It is a pleasure to let you know that I have received a check of \$7,000 from St. Luke the Evangelist Church for our parish. I will use it to buy some goats for the poor people of our parish. It will be a sustainable project. Once again, thank you very much. God bless you!"

Regarding Pope Francis' Synod, there have been training sessions for facilitators and clergy. There is a Disciple Maker Inventory Survey posted and Listening Sessions coming up. Please see other information in the bulletin about how you can participate, or see the website archphila.org/synod.

Thank you, again, for your presence, love, and support of St. Luke's. You continue to make us a welcoming and strong parish. We strive to encourage all who are interested to become active in St. Luke Parish, that we might celebrate the diversity and many gifts of our parishioners.

Be assured of my continued prayers as I depend on yours. Stay close to God and God will be close to you.

St. Luke, pray for us.

Father Joe Brandt